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REYES CALLS FOR REPORT ON LAPD USE OF FORCE AT MACARTHUR PARK – *Reyes calls on public to report incidents*

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, whose district includes MacArthur Park, today called for a report on use of force employed by the Los Angeles Police Department during the immigrants' rights rally at MacArthur Park.

Specifically, Reyes' motion calls for the Los Angeles Police Commission to report to City Council in 30 days with its investigation of the events occurring at MacArthur Park following the May 1 rally in downtown Los Angeles. Additionally, Reyes' motion calls for the report to include recommendations on what, if any, deployment, tactics and use of force modifications should be employed to prevent a recurrence of the unfortunate events experienced by demonstrators and media personnel dispatched to cover the May 1 march.

"I am deeply disturbed by the news footage I saw of LAPD officers in riot gear knocking peaceful demonstrators and reporters to the ground, children running in fear," said Reyes. "This is disconcerting knowing that innocent civilians were there trying to give an American message, a message that says all people should be treated with respect."

Reyes response follows Police Chief William Bratton's call for an investigation into the actions of LAPD officers while clearing a crowd from MacArthur Park after a small group of people began pelting them with rocks and plastic bottles. The police actions left 10 people, including seven reporters, with minor injuries, according to reports. During the dispersion, officers wielded batons and fired 240 rubber bullets at demonstrators and reporters.

"I commend Chief Bratton for his aggressive and transparent response to this matter," said Reyes, who sits on the Public Safety Committee. Reyes encouraged people with any information, concerns or complaints concerning the MacArthur Park rally to contact Internal Affairs at 1-800-339-6868, or the Inspector General at 213-202-5866.

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